

Botswana

INVESTMENT SUMMARY



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Overview: Country program established 1989. Program focus is on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, including a focus on the San, a traditionally marginalized group in Botswana. Programs are strengthened through a strategic partnership with the Government of Botswana. Current portfolio comprises **3 projects and one Cooperative Agreement**. Total commitment is **\$981,000**.



Grantee	Duration	Value	Summary
Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust 1940-BOT	2009-2014	\$242,129	Services (Eco-tourism): After completing an EDI grant for organizational development and planning, Chobe Enclave Conservation Trust (CECT) was awarded an EEI grant to establish the upmarket Ngoma Lodge through a joint venture arrangement. Through the joint venture, the community will benefit from direct job creation, as jobs will go directly to community members from a range of projects related to the lodge, including airport transport, freelance guides, and village tours.
Kgagodi Remmogo Basadi Association (KRBA) 1978-BOT	2009-2014	\$99,369	PDM Program - Manufacturing (Honey): KRBA is a women's group in eastern Botswana, where drought, unemployment, and illiteracy cause severe marginalization of the population. KRBA intends to commence beekeeping operations in order to tap into growing demand for honey. The project improves KRBA's management capacity by equipping an office and providing training and financial management, funding community-wide workshops, and providing materials and training in beekeeping operations.
Botswelole Centre (trading as Thamaga Pottery) 2035-BOT	2009-2014	\$237,447	Manufacturing (Handmade Pottery): Thamaga Pottery is known for producing high-quality ceramic tableware that is dishwasher and microwave-safe. This expansion grant will help Thamaga Pottery increase its production capacity to meet market demand in Botswana and the regional export market.